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The Examiner has restricted the invention to one of four groups. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, with traverse.

The Examiner classifies all of the groups in class 345, and classifies Group I in subclass 792, Group II in subclass 769, Group III in subclass 800, and Group IV in subclass 781. Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction is not proper. Group IV is for a first and second window, and is better classified in subclass 792 for split panes, with Group I. In addition, Groups II and III are essentially directed to controlling split windows, and should also be classified in subclass 792.

Applicants submit that the classification of the claims, as well as the present response, has no bearing on the meaning of the claims, and that the Examiner not interpret the claims based on the classification assigned.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Response or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (111898.00102). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of

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time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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